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THE CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The market continues dull, but price showed a disposition to improve. Chicago Railway 20s, Union Carbide, Diamond Match and Booth Fisheries preferred were fractionally higher. Illinois Brick and Booth Fisheries common were easier. Bond department quiet.

The summary:

	Open	High	Low	Clos-
8 Booth Fish.	100	100	98	98
21 Booth Fish.	75	75	73	73
26 Chi Ry series 1	88	88	88	88
33 Chi Ry series 2	88	88	88	88
43 Chi Title & Tel.	28	28	27	27
45 Com. Water Int'l	128	128	127	127
102 Diamond Match	80	80	78	78
15 Illinois Brick	80	80	78	78
19 Natl B'nd pf.	128	128	127	127
25 Public Service	117	117	117	117
30 Public Utilities	117	117	117	117
32 Swift	104	104	103	103
50 Union Carbide	140	140	140	140

DAIRY PRODUCTS MARKET.

BUTTER.—There was a further advance of 1c. on fancy butter yesterday as reflected after the holder of the largest quantity of butter, the sufficient quantity to more than absorb the fresh take stock in evidence. Buyers under the call were willing to buy on the spot, but the price of fancy butter was lower than the strength of the market and were not anxious to sell. Even State dairies were less active and renovated all their equipment, causing a little confusion. Advices over the week end did not change materially the considerations which have been uppermost recently. Dispatches from the seat of war were inconclusive, although the further relaxation of foreign exchange suggested some favorable construction of military operations. The market was little favorable news while stocks were going down in the past fortnight and they strengthened yesterday in the face of depressing information which included some very poor railroad reports for November. The bond department was quiet but firm, and in this quarter of the securities market there is no more evident direct response to the present searching of money.

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